

The Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Islamabad presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and has the honor to inform the esteemed Ministry that the Embassy had received from the competent authorities in the Kingdom the following health requirements that must be followed by the pilgrims for the year 1432 H:

1. Each individual wants to perform Hajj or Umrah is requested to provide the concerned authority with oral poliomyelitis vaccination certificate six weeks before coming to Kingdom. In the mean time, they will be given another dose of oral polio vaccine upon their arrival to the Kingdom regardless of their age.
2. The Saudi Ministry of Health recommends to those coming for Hajj or Umrah to take seasonal influenza vaccine especially people with chronic illnesses (heart disease, kidney disease, respiratory diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, diabetes) and HIV congenital and acquired, and communicable diseases and those with excessive obesity.
3. The health authorities of the pilgrim's native state is advised to provide awareness to their pilgrims about infectious disease - its types, symptoms, methods of transmission and their effects and ways of prevention.
4. Entry of foods brought by the pilgrims in their luggage is prohibited unless canned, well sealed or stored in containers easy to open for inspection.
5. In case of any health emergency situation or any outbreak of the diseases subject to the international Health Regulations in the countries of the pilgrims, the

authorities in the Kingdom may take any additional precautions against the pilgrims coming from these countries, in coordination with the World Health

6. Organization in a timely manner in order to avoid the spread of infection among the pilgrims, or its transfer to their home countries.

The Embassy hopes from the Ministry to take notice of the above, and to ensure access to the competent authorities to abide by its content.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Islamabad would like to avail itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration.